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in a week or so and I will photograph/photocopy it --  
and then do an article on George H. Tryon for the  
NEWS. We walked down the hill. John K. took  
his leave and went North. T. Maine + JVB and  
I walked back here. I told JVB and RST  
about the matching grant. They were delighted,  
as might well be expected. John had to go  
home since it was 11 PM and RST and I went  
down to Mister Donut for some coffee to celebrate  
the matching grant. Skip Race came in and  
did a half-hour monologue. He is a very  
likeable fellow and RST very drolly asked  
him if he would like to be our first new  
member in the 1983-1984 membership campaign.  
Skip Race will sooner or later become a member.  
JVB was very tired tonight -- he was involved  
in heavy manual labor all day. He reported that  
Dave Adams had invited him and another worker  
to have a beer with him at the Trough Room  
shortly after 4 PM today. Before my very eyes,  
John the youth is becoming John the young man.  
In my campaign to give John more and more  
self confidence, I am pleased to report that  
Bob Price said to John & son: "I understand that  
you are quite an important authority on the  
Gravity Railroad." John replied: "There is so much  
to be proud of in Carbondale." Speaking of  
being proud, I felt like a proud parent/uncle  
of JVB as he basked in the flattering remarks  
of Bob Price. Both Grosvener and Price threw  
bouquets to John today. Most pleased me  
enormously. If only there were 36 or 48 hours in  
a day -- I don't think I have ever been so  
busy in my life. I work 18 hours a day and  
still can't get caught up. It's all quite extraordinary.